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We have reviewed your question regarding working capital, as well as FCC rule 65.820. From what we can tell, GCl's methodology was generally less favorable to GCl or similar to the methodology suggested by Rule 65.820. GCl's methodology, which was based on GAAP, calculated its net working capital needs by comparing total TERRA or Satellite-based assets for RHC and E-rate against current liabilities. This yielded approximately in working capital for TERRA, and for satellite. Under this methodology, there is no way working capital could be excessive unless the rate of return is excessive, since the rate of return reflects the cost of money.

Rule 65.820 takes a different approach. It takes total operating expenses and factors that against the net lag days a proportion of 365 days per year. The working capital calculation for TERRA as a in TERRA operating expenses (excluding depreciation). A 4 whole would start with month net lag would result in approximately in working capital, and a 6-month net lag in working capital. For RHC only, using the TERRA Bandwidth Allocation model, RHC expenses less depreciation for 2017 would be under the bandwidth allocation model, and under the revenue allocation. RHC payment lag for 2017 is likely to be at least an average of 7 months, which would yield working capital of bandwidth allocation and under the revenue allocation. At an 8 month average lag, it under the revenue allocation. This compares with would be and in the approach GCI used.

In any event, any difference in working capital would have to be multiplied by the permitted rate of return (whatever that is for a deregulated, non-dominant interexchange service) to yield a change in permitted revenues.

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